

Wednesday, September 24, 2014  
4 – 6 p.m., Room 140-A  
Washington Convention Center

**“Inclusion: Afro-Latino Partnerships with State and Civil Societies in the Americas”**

Honorary Host

*Rep. Henry C. “Hank” Johnson, Jr. (GA-4)*



The panel will discuss the past, present, and future of U.S. Support for Afro-Latinos, the influence of U.S. foreign aid in servicing this sector of the population, and identify areas where U.S. aid needs to be strengthened. The panel will mainly focus on emphasizing the importance of establishing effective partnerships with states and civil societies in Latin America to help level the field for Afro-Latinos in the Americas, who have been historically marginalized and excluded from mainstream society in their respective countries.



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